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Ville Platte Man Dies in Fire One Person Escapes

Ville Platte, LA- The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating a home fire that has claimed the life of one man. The Ville Platte Fire Department responded shortly after 2:00 am this morning to 111 West Hickory Street to a report that a home was on fire. Firefighters arrived minutes later to discover that the residence was fully involved in flames. There were two people in the home at the time of the fire; one person did escape without injuries. Despite the heroic efforts of first responders the other occupant died inside the home.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was called to investigate this tragic fire. Investigators identified the deceased man as Irving Antoine (dob. 8-22-60); he was found in his bedroom. The fire is still under investigation and no determinations have been made at this time. There were no working smoke alarms operating at the time of the fire.

State Fire Marshal H. Butch Browning stated, "This is a very sad death; we all hurt when the power of a fire takes a life. We will be working to determine the cause of this fire and help to assist the family cope with this tragedy. We remind all citizens that you must have working smoke alarms in your home".

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